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ON ARMS RESTRAINT

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1. REFTEL RELATED IN DETAIL OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH PRES PEREZ
ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT. THAT CONVERSATION MADE CLEAR
THAT SPECIFIC ACTIONS ARE NOW REQUIRED TO CONTINUE MOMENTUM AND
BRING THIS CONSULTATION TO FRUITION.

2. I RECOMMEND THAT THE DEPT PREPARE THE FOLLOWING
PAPERS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO PRES PEREZ BY THE END OF NEXT WEEK:
A) A VERSION OF THE CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK FOR REGIONAL
RESTRAIN ALONG THE LINES OF THE DRAFT INTER-AGENCY PAPER
OF APRIL 19. WE HAVE ALREADY WORKED OUT AN ADAPTATION
WHICH EINAUDI WILL BRING BACK TO WASHINGTON FOR CLEARANCE.

B) A PAPER DESCRIBING POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES
OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS TO ASSIST PEREZ IN ENVISAGING
HOW HIS INITIATIVE MIGHT SPIN OUT.

C) A STATUS REPORT ON EVENTS, SCHEDULING AND
PARTICIPANTS FOR OPENING SSOD.

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3. ALTHOUGH PEREZ HAS TASKED HIS FOREIGN MINISTRY WITH
THE JOB OF PROVIDING HIM WITH SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND
SCENARIOS, NEITHER THE BUREAUCRATIC INFRASTRUCTURE NOR
THE EXPERTISE EXISTS IN SUFFICIENT DEGREE IN THE GOV TO
DO THIS ADEQUATELY. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER HAS IN FACT
ALREADY ASKED FOR OUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS REGARD. IN SHORT,
IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR US, IN EFFECT, TO ASSIST IN "STAFFING"

PEREZ FOR THIS INITIATIVE WHICH HE IS PREPARING TO UNDERTAKE.

4. FINALLY, I RECOMMEND THAT WE DISCUSS SUPPLIER RESTRAINTS WITH REGARD TO LATIN AMERICA WITH THE SOVIETS AND WITH THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND GERMANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN THE CASE OF THE SOVIETS I RECOMMEND THAT THIS HAPPEN DURING THE HELSINKI TALKS IF POSSIBLE.
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